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Endorsement of the Recommended Juvenile Detention Standards For Education Services

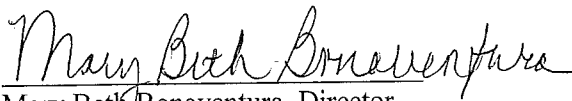
The Indiana Department of Corrections (DOC) has proposed new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, with the purpose of improving the quality of care for youth held in juvenile detention facilities and to bring juvenile detention facilities into compliance with nationally recognized best practices for the secure confinement of youth.

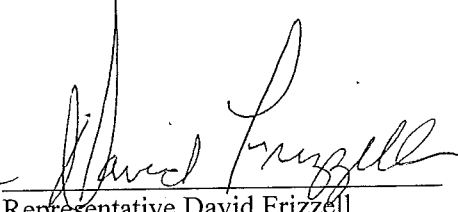
The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards will ensure that court-involved youth who are placed in secure detention facilities are provided with a comprehensive education program that allows youth to remain actively engaged in relevant education programs and services, which promote progress toward youth achieving a high school credential.

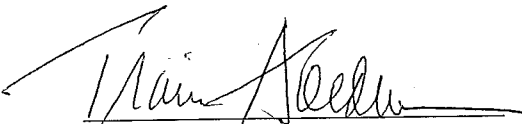
Whereas, the mission of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana (Commission) is to improve the status of children in Indiana by studying issues concerning vulnerable youth, making recommendations concerning pending legislation, and promoting information sharing and best practices.

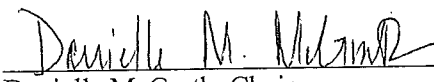
Therefore, the Commission declares its formal support to the Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) in its efforts to adopt new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards specially related to education programs and services.

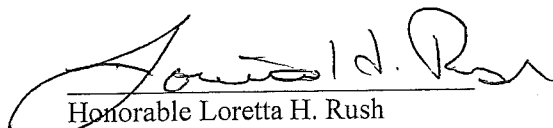
Signed this 19th day of August, 2015.


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